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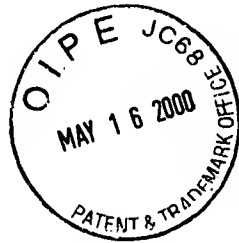
In re Application of:

Kaoru YAMAMOTO et al.

Application No.: 08/821,424

Filed: March 21, 1997

For: INFORMATION RECORD MEDIUM,
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 22, 2000 (Paper No. 10), and the interview with the Examiner of May 9, 2000, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the period for response extending through May 22, 2000, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 10, 13, 16, 21 and 24 as follows:

10. (Amended) An information recording apparatus comprising: